Setting up Telephone Exchanges in Shrinagar (Garhwal)

†3240. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the telephone exchanges targeted to be set up during the year 1999-2000 in the district of Shrinagar (Garhwal) in Western Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether all these exchanges have been set up, if so, whether they have started functioning; and

(c) if not, by when the work relating to setting up of these exchanges is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) to (c) In Shrinagar Telecom. District of Western Uttar Pradesh, 10 exchanges were planned for the year 1999-2000. Out of these 8 have been commissioned by 31.3.2000. Remaining 2 are also expected to be commissioned by July/August, 2000. Details are given below:

S.No.	Name of the place where exchange was targeted	Present status
1.	SHIVPURI	Installed and started functioning
2.	BHIRI	—do—
3.	BASUKEDAR	—do—
4.	SONLA BACHHER	—do—
5.	MAITHAN	—do—
6.	GUMKHAL	—do—
7.	RIKHNIKHAL	—do—
8.	SAFDARKHAL	—do—
9.	NAINIDANDA	Expected to be installed by July/August, 2000.
10.	YAMKESHWAR	—do—

Connectivity of Nalanda and Rajgira with Bihar Sharif Exchange

3241. MISS FRIDA TOPNO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2003 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 14th March, 2000 and state:

(a) whether there is any mechanism to monitor on day to day basis, the connectivity of Nalanda and Rajgira with their present Exchange in Bihar Sharif;

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